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1. JP-A 60-113398, published June 19, 1985.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith. It is noted that Japanese Unexamined Patent Publications Nos. 7-134277, 10-334685, and 10-74062 were previously submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with an Information Disclosure Statement dated June 19, 2002.

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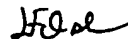
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated September 3, 2002 with English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such document and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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